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Mr. Dean Nygard, Site Remediation Manager  
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Test Area North, Operable Unit (OU) 1-10 - (EM-ER-03-111)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

The *Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Test Area North, Operable Unit (OU) 1-10* addresses necessary changes to the remedies for the V-Tanks, Burn Pits, and Fuel Leak Site. The ESD also addresses the transfer of the Mercury Spill site to the OU 10-08 ROD. The ESD has become final based on Agency concurrence on the draft final document submitted March 20, 2003 and subsequent Agency signature on the document approval pages.

Please contact me at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen E. Hain".

Kathleen E. Hain, Lead  
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Enclosure

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